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Mr. E. H. Knoche  
Acting Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Attention Sayre Stevens  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Dear Mr. Knoche:

I am writing to ask for your assistance in making arrangements for a Senior Research Fellow of the National Center for Health Services Research to talk with CIA staff handling weapons intelligence systems. The Fellow, Mrs. Sherry R. Arnstein, is currently engaged in research on the feasibility of creating a large scale information system for systematically identifying and tracking R&D health and medical technology.

In this connection, she is talking with representatives of various Federal agencies and industrial corporations about analogous information systems which may already exist or which may be in some stage of design. In discussing the research question with staff of the CIA Operations Center (Messrs. [redacted]), they suggested that it might be feasible for her to pursue the design issues of such a system with selected members of the CIA weapons intelligence staff without breaching security information, but that the request for such a meeting should be brought to your attention.

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I would greatly appreciate whatever assistance you can provide in facilitating this request since the complexity and dollar costs of the proposed information system make it essential that our Center benefit from the lessons learned by those who have already created a working system.

Sincerely,

Gerald Rosenthal, Ph.D.  
Director

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By Executive Secretary

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